

## "Promoters" Victimize Yemen



**PLANNING AHEAD FOR MARCH 1956.** The Fifth International Philatelic Exhibition is scheduled for New York City in March 1956. For this event the Post Office Department is being prevailed upon to supply a commemorative stamp or stamps, a souvenir sheet, and perhaps an item or two of postal stationery. For the CIPEX of 1947, the POD issued a 3c stamp, a souvenir sheet, and a stamped envelope. The above group recently visited with Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield in Washington in pursuit of POD cooperation. Reading from left to right are Asst. PMG Albert J. Robertson; Ben Reeves, SPA president; Sol Glass, BIA president; Peter G. Keller, executive secretary of the ASDA; PMG Summerfield; Richard S. Bohn, Assn. for Stamp Exhibitions president; Harry L. Lindquist, NFCS president; Burleigh Jacobs, APS president.

## New Overprints On Yemen Stamps Alleged Fraudulent By Near East Stamp Dealer

Michel S. Stephan

In 1948 Benjamin T. Baroody of Beirut, Lebanon, leading Near East stamp dealer and principal wholesale supplier of Yemen stamps to the world market, wrote a series of articles for the European philatelic circles concerning the "Sana'a-New York" airplane overprints, and the "Yemen Roosevelts" (or "U.N.") stamps etc. etc.

Mr. Baroody had dealt in all legitimate stamps of Yemen since the first issue, both the mint and used varieties, and he maintained always at the Yemen capital well-informed and alert agents who insured the uninterrupted flow of all available varieties to Beirut for redistribution to the world stamp trade.

But in 1948, as his clients began to write to him seeking to buy the Yemen stamps overprinted "Sana'a-New York" "Cafe Mokha" "Roi Imam Ahmed" "Visite au President H. S. Truman" and large engraved bicolored stamps with pictures of Truman, Roosevelt, Churchill, the Statue of Liberty, etc. on them, he was obliged to inform them that:

1) Such stamps were not printed in Yemen or ordered in the usual manner by the Yemen Postal Administration.

2) They were not available in Yemen from the post office, or any other source.

3) His agents had purchased from the Yemen post office, as waste paper, large quantities of American-size envelopes with adhesives, bearing the above-mentioned surcharges, or designs on them, stuck onto the covers.

These condemned covers had been sent by foreign collectors or dealers for cancelling, but as the post office knew of no such stamps it ordered them destroyed and sold as waste paper. Some had inadvertently been cancelled by clerks before learning of the adhesives' lack of any postal validity whatsoever, but these, too, were also sold for salvage waste together with the uncanceled ones.

In addition to informing his principal clients individually of this situation, Mr. Baroody undertook to publish the information in leading European stamp journals because a friend of his in the United States had advised him that some American stamp journals had declined to publish it for fear of reprisals or law suits by the persons sponsoring the questionable items as a business.

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## Germany Honors Expert With Figures

February 23 will be the first day of issue for a commemorative honoring Carl Friedrich Gauss, advises Gimbels Stamp Department of New York City. Its origin will be in the western zone of Germany in a 10pf denomination and a green color.



He was born in 1777 at Brunswick, Germany, the son of a day laborer. Studies were followed at the University of Göttingen from 1795 to 1798 at which place he devoted all his time to mathematics. One of his early accomplishments was the invention of a new method for calculating the position of heavenly bodies. This resulted in the re-discovery of the planet Ceres which astronomers had lost in the heavens.

Gauss was recognized as the supreme mathematician of Europe in his lifetime, and has since been attributed one of the world's most brilliant. History points to him as the founder of the mathematical theory of electricity. His death occurred in 1855, and it is the centenary of this event the stamp notes.

## Dutch, Portuguese, Malays And Japanese Had Tenures On The "Beautiful Island"

Ellen Dickie

(Editors Note: This is the second article of a series of three on the Island of Formosa, written by Mrs. Ellen Dickie. Collectors will find stamps, especially Chinese and Japanese, which will tie in with the stories.)

Many years ago, Chinese chroniclers tell us, fierce dragons dwelt at Woo-hoo-mun (Five Tiger Gate), the entrance to Foochow. Feeling frolicsome one day they glided out to sea and, arriving in the vicinity of the present island of Formosa (Taiwan), they began to play. Plowing through the ocean floor they rose to push up the bluffs at Keelung Head, turning south they threw up the hills and mountains, and ended their sport by throwing up the three cliffs at the southern tip of the island as they flipped their tails and sped off. That's a nice beginning for any land!

The early history of Taiwan is difficult to piece together as the Chinese confused the island with the Loochoo Islands (the Ryukyus). Professor Ludwig Reiss speaks of the arrival on Taiwan of immigrants from the northeast, several centuries before Christ. These were known as Lonkins and were visited by the Chinese before the end of the 6th century when the

Malays conquered the west coast and drove the Lonkins into the mountains.

A Chinese captain, visiting the island in 605 A.D. found that he was unable to understand the strangers. A second expedition carried Malay interpreters and it's object was to compel the natives, no matter who they were, to recognize.

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## Possibly Five For Emperor's Jubilee

Ethiopia has three new stamp issues in the making states John W. Moorh of Chicago. The first one, to come in the spring, is a 35c airmail in the design of the current 30c airmail.

A commemorative set, of possibly five values, will note the Silver Jubilee of Emperor Haile Selassie. This has been forecast for a summer release.

For the Red Cross anniversary, three are scheduled for July. Denominations are to be 15c, 20c and 30c.

## UN To Delete Two Commemorative Issues

Come March 1, and the United Nations Postal Administration will remove two 1952 commemorative issues from its philatelic agency list, according to Reidar Tvedt, chief.

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This transfer, eliminating one of the most glaring gaps in the national collection, embraces correspondence relating to the earliest proposals for United States revenue stamps back in 1862. Some of the proposals called for complex labels, while others came close to the form finally submitted.

Costs of the Civil War forced the government to seek new forms of revenue. It was decided to place charges on bank checks, express shipments, telegraph messages, photographs and other services, along with legal and financial transactions. The first series of United States revenues provided for all these, with values ranging from one cent to \$200.

Contracts for the printing of these early revenues were awarded Butler & Carpenter. The Internal Revenue Service transfer to the Smithsonian contains full sheets of these stamps in proof form. There is also an elaborately bound book, prepared by Joseph R. Carpenter showing examples of all his work for the government.

Lincoln's administration also called for the imprinting of a 2-cent revenue device on every check—a practice remaining in effect for 20 years. The Smithsonian display features several original proposals for these stamps which were imprinted, and some of the actual bank checks used throughout the nation.

Manufacturers of the Civil War period created an entire new field by issuing private match, medicine and playing card stamps, with government approval. They were permitted to have their own dies prepared and received a discount or premium of 5 to 10 per cent. Since this arrangement permitted them to undersell their competitors, and also to take advantage of advertising potential, acceptance was general.

An almost complete group of die proofs of these private proprietary revenue stamps was turned over to the Smithsonian just a few weeks ago by Commissioner Andrews.

### Edmund H. Therrien Dies Of Heart Attack

Edmund H. Therrien, 43, manager of the stamp and coin department of the Jordan Marsh Co. in Boston, Mass. died suddenly as the result of a heart attack January 20. He is survived by his wife and two children.

Mr. Therrien had been with the Minkus organization in New York for two years prior to his appointment to the Boston position.

### CORRECTION NOTICE

The ad of B. J. Hunter, 110 Kings Hall Bldg., Montreal 25, Canada in the February 14 edition had the incorrect price of the mint Silver Wedding stamps of the British Commonwealth. The correct is 138 values for \$140.

The February 7 edition contained an ad of Ernest J. Finley, 141-09 28th Ave., Flushing 54, N. Y. in which a line of copy was interposed between two other lines which resulted in incorrect prices for the items offered. The Scott Nos. 177, 179 and 205a of Finland should be 35c, and the Nos. 153-4 at \$1.98.

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April 25—COROS, Collectors of Religion on Stamps Society.  
May 30 — American Topical Association.

Further inquiries can be directed to this paper by interested dealers.

Clubs or societies agreeable to sponsoring a special edition can get the details on request.

## Expedition's Ship In Antarctic Waters

Of interest to collectors, especially those who arranged for covers, is the news that the Australian Antarctic Expedition ship Kista Dan reached the Antarctic continent February 2 and anchored off the Vestfold Hills.

News of the ship's arrival, advised Maj. R. C. Dettman of Wembley, Western Australia, ended a period of anxiety since it first encountered pack ice on January 29. Reports said that while the Kista Dan had carefully skirted the edge of the pack ice seeking an open lead in the direction of the mainland, broken and disintegrating ice floes were being widely dispersed by wind.

Three previous landings had been made in this locality but they had been of only a few hour's duration. On this occasion it was intended to remain two days to enable two parties to land for the collecting of specimens and for carrying out astronomical and magnetic observations.

It is also presumed that the ship will bring back a number of the covers stamp collectors had entrusted to the expedition for canceling at Antarctic post offices on Heard and MacQuarie Islands.

### Rhode Island Club Has 70th Anniversary

Occupying the spare minutes of the newly elected officers and members of the Rhode Island Philatelic Society is the planning for the 70th anniversary of founding celebration which will take place at a later date this year. The group was organized February 2, 1855.

These 1955 officers are president Harry J. Oatley; vice president Hugh Geddes; secretary-treasurer John B. Kilton; assistant secretary Mrs. Dorothy H. Bartolomeo.

### Exhibition At Lansdowne April 8-9

The annual stamp exhibition of the Lansdowne Stamp Club will be held in the auditorium of the Friends School, Lansdowne, Pa., April 8 and 9. The show will be open during the day and members will be in attendance to furnish information. Visitors are invited to attend.

The club meets the first and third Friday of each month in the service rooms of the Friends School caretakers building at 8:00 p.m. All stamp collectors are invited to attend.

### Will Carry Covers On Helicopter Flights

National Air Lines is planning helicopter service in the Norfolk, Va. area plus additional flights to eleven adjacent communities. Covers will be handled for these first flights by the Philatelic Committee, Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, 200 Plume St., Norfolk, Va.

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This book is an enlargement and re-editing of Mr. Boggs' 1954 serial in the Collectors Club Philatelist. Its 33 pages contain much information hitherto not known to the philatelic world, useful for settling some existing problems.

The illustrations are plentiful, and make concrete everything mentioned in the text. The treatment is aimed at giving full understanding of how the stamps were then perforated, so that all varieties may be rated at their correct significance.

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### HPO Start Between Minnesota Towns

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 hand corner of official envelopes  
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 of the upper house's public cor-  
 respondence (they have to pay  
 postage on their private letters,  
 even as you and I do). She has  
 access to a lot of such official  
 mail and has trimmed thousands  
 of corners down to the approved  
 2x4 inch size standardized by  
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 AND, if you're interested, she'll  
 send you and you and you a full  
 dozen different ones so that you'll  
 have a good start towards the cur-  
 rent 98. That's mighty generous  
 of Dorothy and we know that  
 lots of you will welcome the op-  
 portunity to get them from her.

All you've got to do is to send  
 her an unused, full gum 3c stamp  
 and yours will come along by re-  
 turn mail. There's no string  
 whatsoever to this—you needn't  
 send in box tops or soap wrap-  
 pers or anything else except your  
 request and the stamp. Courtesy,  
 of course, suggests the use of a  
 well-centered commem in writ-  
 ing to her, and I hope that you'll  
 remember to thank her in ad-  
 vance.

Frank collecting is a distinct  
 branch of the hobby of collecting  
 USA stamps and maybe this will  
 interest you enough to make you  
 a frank fan. Such items call for  
 some stiff hunting, but they're  
 not expensive and they certainly  
 give one a lot of pleasure. Won't  
 your pals be envious when you  
 show them Dorothy's gift? Inci-  
 dentally, she's got them from  
 members of the recent McCarthy  
 Investigating Committee and  
 many another front page person-  
 ality, but naturally will send them  
 out as they run, a dozen to a  
 requestee. If, then, you want  
 the franks of particular men, you  
 can have the fun of hunting them  
 down.

Speaking of giveaways, our  
 own is coming to a rapid close.  
 You may recall that Carl Berk-  
 son, the popular Los Angeles  
 dealer, gave me 2000 copies of  
 that intriguing Brunei mountain,  
 palm tree, ship and seascape  
 stamp which hit the stamp mar-  
 ket from Singapore 60 years ago  
 and had the whole stamp world  
 gaga. Robson Lowe swears that  
 they are legitimate locals, de-  
 signed for use in the protecto-  
 rate, flashes documents to prove  
 his case and lists them in his  
 British Empire catalog. Others  
 hold that they are phantasies,  
 much like the alleged Free Al-  
 banian and Free Croatian swindle  
 stamps of recent vintage which  
 Editor Linn has assailed so cour-  
 ageously in many an editorial.

Well, whatever the item is, it's  
 most intriguing, and few folks  
 have ever seen one, let alone  
 own one. Carl found them in an  
 estate property and gave them  
 to me to give to you and to date  
 1911 of you from practically ev-  
 ery country in the world (includ-  
 ing Brunei!) have asked for  
 them. That means almost one in  
 every 20, truly a phenomenal re-  
 sponse even for a "for free" of-  
 fer. There are 89 left at this writ-  
 ing and if you ever want one,  
 now's the time to ask for it. Just  
 enclose a 3c stamp—no envelope  
 please, since they're already  
 packaged, and no pet stamp you  
 want back, please, because the  
 envelopes are already stamped to  
 hurry them out to you. Being  
 a collector myself, who likes  
 swapping abroad, I'd appreciate  
 a commem on your letter, of course,  
 but it certainly isn't required—  
 Carl's glad to give them to you  
 and I'm glad to be the one be-  
 tween.

I suppose some of you haven't  
 heard the terrible news as yet. A  
 new watermark is being intro-  
 duced for British stamps, and that  
 means that the Crown Colonies  
 whose stamps are watermarked  
 Crown and CA will be coming  
 that way too. You've just com-  
 pleted getting your Elizabeth sets?  
 Well, chums, you'll have to buy  
 second sets now, face the same  
 as yours but bearing the new  
 watermark. That's going to cost  
 you a dollar and more dollars

and what will you have to show  
 for it but a lot of extra pages  
 bearing what are, on the surface,  
 identical stamps with those you  
 already have?

Of course, the same thing hap-  
 pened in Victorian days when  
 the change was made from CC  
 to CA and in Edwardian days  
 when the change was made from  
 single CA to multiple CA and  
 again in the days of our good  
 fellow, George V, when the  
 change was made from multiple  
 straight letters to multiple script  
 ones. In every single instance the  
 change killed off a lot of fans  
 who got fed up on such stuff,  
 and the same thing will happen  
 now when the change will be in  
 the type of crown used in the  
 watermark.

More and more, as the flood of  
 new issues mounts, practical phi-  
 latelists are turning to "face dif-  
 ferent" collecting. Let the spe-  
 cialists stew over quarter size dif-  
 ferences in perforations and vari-  
 ations in watermarks—the  
 average person collects stamps  
 and not holes and watermarks,  
 and worry about such things  
 surely can do a lot to spoil a  
 mighty fine hobby.

Had a grand visit with a fine  
 stamp family the other day, the  
 Charles Horns of Linworth,  
 Ohio. Mr. Horn is a labor expert  
 who seeks relaxation from an ex-  
 acting professional life in stamp  
 collecting, and he has just about  
 the finest lot of Harding materi-  
 al in existence and is rapidly go-  
 ing places with Canada as well.  
 He grew up near the late Presi-  
 dent's home town, Marion, and  
 the families were acquainted,  
 with the result that he has a fine  
 array of unique items. As for the  
 Canadians, he likes them mint  
 and used, in singles and blocks,  
 but only in superb condition  
 which, you will agree, is some  
 order.

Mrs. Horn, who goes to a good  
 many stamp shows both here and  
 in Canada with him, has fixed  
 up a dandy stamp den, and one  
 can browse around by the hour  
 there among his stamp books, his  
 albums and his envelopes filled  
 with choice specimens awaiting  
 a stormy weekend for mounting.  
 There are three girls, too, who  
 are more than casually interested  
 in stamps, and the eldest of  
 whom, Sharon, now well along  
 in high school, has mounted bales  
 of postal history clippings in or-  
 derly array. She intends to be a  
 teacher and I just bet that when  
 she becomes one, she'll take over  
 the school stamp club. A mighty  
 fine family indeed and we great-  
 ly enjoyed stamping with them.

Italian stamp papers carry  
 large ads sponsored by the San  
 Marino tourist bureau urging  
 stamp collectors to visit the little  
 mountain republic and to mail  
 their friends cards from there.  
 Stamps form the country's chief  
 source of income and they are  
 sold either mint or cancelled to  
 order. Genuinely used ones,  
 especially on cover, are really  
 scarce, and any collector would  
 welcome greetings from here.  
 It's much like getting a United  
 Nations message from Cousin  
 Gus who is visiting in New York  
 and has the forethought to drop  
 you a line, replete with UN  
 stamps, in the UN Building post  
 office.

Incidentally, Italian hobby  
 journals are filled with ads by  
 "experts" who will expertize  
 plain stamps for the standardized  
 fee of 100 lire each, and over-  
 printed ones for half again as  
 much. Formal certificates with  
 photo attached come somewhat  
 higher. Reminds one of the re-  
 fugee in New York who before  
 his death a time back was of-  
 fering to authenticate stamps on  
 this basis: "Guarantee, \$1; Posi-  
 tive Guarantee \$2; Special Ab-  
 solute Guarantee with your mon-  
 ey back if we are proved  
 wrong, \$3." A mere guarantee in  
 print means nothing—it all de-  
 pends upon whose it is. Many,  
 even the Gibbons, Champion, and  
 Galvez marks, have been forged,  
 as for instance, the spurious Gib-  
 bons mark appearing upon the  
 backs of early overprinted Cana-  
 dian airmail errors.

It's lots of fun buying small  
 collections and job lots of stamps  
 at auction abroad—one can get  
 good things such as British Colo-  
 nials for 1/10th catalog or less,  
 take out what one needs and  
 then sell the balance at bargain  
 prices to club members and col-  
 lector friends and still get ones  
 own stamps free and make 100%  
 profit. My own best sources of  
 supply have always been Har-  
 mer, Rooke and Co. of London,  
 who offer 40 or 50 collections as  
 single lots in any sale running  
 several hundred lots (they're  
 usually offered at the start of  
 a session and here are always  
 so many that just about every-  
 one interested can get one) and

Edgar Mohrmann and Co. of  
 Hamburg, Germany who in each  
 of their four or five annual sales  
 offer not only great rarities and  
 classics but enough collections to  
 stock a dozen stamp shops. Then  
 too, another good way to buy  
 "well" is to bid on "Balance of  
 Collection" lots—you can get  
 them for as little as 1/30th cat-  
 alog because few seem interested  
 in such miscellaneous material.  
 Half your fun is finding out what  
 you get!!

Never make up your mind to  
 get a given collection or lot—bid  
 on 30 or 40 of them and in-  
 struct the auctioneer "any one of  
 these" or "any two, etc.", as the  
 case may be. The same way with  
 the remnant lots. One would  
 really have to be very stupid not  
 to get a lot of fine stamps for  
 oneself free plus double money  
 back, buying this way. Quite a  
 few folks I know do it.

A couple of books that every  
 club should have—A. Passer's  
 "The Stamps of Turkey," includ-  
 ing 78 plates, and "The Perkins,  
 Bacon Records", in two volumes.  
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 ciety publications, the former  
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The stamp dealers of the Central Florida Chapter of the American Stamp Dealers Association held their annual meeting in the offices of Joe H. Weimer, the Precancel Dealer of Casselberry, Florida, on Sunday, February 6. Preceding the meeting a dinner was held at the Longwood Hotel in a small neighboring town.



GEORGE W. LINN

The feature of this annual meeting was a visit from Peter G. Keller, executive secretary of the American Stamp Dealers Association. At these annual meetings Mr. Keller usually gives the boys a very light review of the activities of the Association for the past year.

At this meeting one of the chief topics was the activity of the ASDA in the effort to eliminate the colored labels from the stamp market. Mr. Keller stated that real progress was being made. Among other things he stated that certain New York members of the ASDA who have been loading their approval selections with these labels for months past, have started to remove all such labels. We were also told that the producer of the so-called Free Croatian triangles an ASDA Member, has sold his entire remaining stock to a British firm that is now offering the labels as "RACKET STAMPS" in a special small packet which is being offered in Great Britain.

Mr. Keller also spoke of the activity of the ASDA in the past year, of its hunt for new members, its financial situation etc. In this respect the Florida dealers are unanimous in the belief that the membership should be given an annual financial statement showing all receipts and expenditures, also a complete report on the annual show with receipts and disbursements.

## THE 1954 SUPPLEMENTS

We have received inquiries wanting to know how soon the supplement for the 1954 stamps will be ready in the Linn's Unit System of Album Pages. Our printer has not been able to give us a definite promise as to a delivery date, but hopes it will be in the very near future. We will carry the announcement prominently in these pages, and readers can then place their orders.

It seems apparent that no one except the Board of Directors has any knowledge of matters of this sort. In the American Philatelic Society an annual statement is always published so that members can know the complete picture. It is certain that all would be more inclined to help if they knew all the facts.

Mr. Keller also told of the activity now starting for the great 1956 FIPEX to be held in the new auditorium now under construction in New York. It is a great credit to Stamp Collecting, that the stamp show has been selected as the first great exhibition to be held in this new building. This is doubtless because of the international scope of the hobby. It will perhaps draw more in the way of displays from all parts of the world than almost any other type of show that could be held.

As Mr. Keller explained what was being planned the thought came to us as to just how big an event of this sort can become before it blows up in the face of the promoters. Certainly, the magnitude of this coming stamp show should stagger the imagination of most stamp collectors.

Present plans are to make it the biggest in every way and we can only add that we can believe that it will be a huge success. It will be the Mecca of the Philatelic World and something that every real live enthusiast should plan to attend.

## The Liberian Mess

Ever since I can remember of first being interested in stamp collecting Liberia has been a name to conjure with. I well remember in my earlier days that Liberian canceled to order stamps were considered as outcasts. It appears that the chief reasons for this are the same as have produced many questionable stamps in years long ago as well as in more recent years. We refer specifically to the acquisition and control of the printing of stamps for a foreign government by stamp dealers. Also to instances in which stamp dealers have acquired plates of past issues and have reprinted them time after time.

When I first became a stamp collector I learned the hard way about Heligoland, Italian early issues, Roman States, Hamburg, Samoan Express and many other stamps which in those days were the chief stock in trade of many small stamp dealers. Fortunately, the stocks of all of those items have about been cleaned up. In past years many of the plates for these stamps had been acquired by British or other stamp dealers and reprints were made as the necessity occurred. It is apparent that these practices are still in vogue with the stamps of many countries, and Liberia is one of the most shining examples.

It appears that it has been the custom of the Liberian Government to delegate the production of its postal issues to an agent. This agent has usually been a stamp dealer who would know how to market the stamps to the best advantage. Among such of the past twenty years have been a large British dealer, who was followed up by a New York stamp wholesaler, and later by Franklin Bruns, now at the Smithsonian in Washington, and currently by a Leonard Epstein of New York.

The whole story would read like an Arabian Nights tale if it were completely told. It is a story of double crossing, for the Government could not fully trust their agents, and the agents could not trust the Liberian Officials. The rat race therefore became the survival of the fittest.

Even today we are told by Liberian Officials that "there are a number of errors in the market, that are a willful printing by some person or persons, designed to cheat and defraud collectors. There is one Error, 10c postage honoring the U.N.—New Liberia' special price \$50.00. I venture to say that this is a made to order piece. A correspondent wrote to me on July 24, 1954 and he was in possession of what is probably one of the greatest rarities of the 20th century, one sheet only, of 20 pieces known, the Jehudi Ashmun issue of 1949, No. 309, Superb Marginal Block, Blue instead of Green, which he was offering for \$1100.00. This kind of business is no good and does the country no good and is definitely offensive to collectors."

The above is quoted from correspondence from Liberian Postal Officials. We could say much more, but it must be remembered that people concerned in these deals are ever on the alert to slap a libel suit on anyone who attempts to interfere with their pet racket.

What Philately needs to thoroughly clean its house is a rich Texas oil man who will enter the fight with his millions and clean up all of these messes.

Quoting from another source, a man who in the past was asso-

ciated with some of the skullduggery, we find the following informative paragraph. "Comes to present years - through the Consul - who usually has the power of Acting Postmaster for these affairs—various people have worked on the deals in the past few years. Everything done is dishonest, I repeat to you — and — can give you various dope—they have it. Briefly—Scott should not list the stamps.—That's Liberia."

## Our Book On PAID Cancels

Numerous collectors have already written expressing a desire to have a copy of our book on the PAID cancels based on the articles now appearing in this paper.

We have hesitated to make any announcement but now feel that it should be done.

Soon after the current series of articles is completed, the entire series will be revised with a great many additions of new varieties that have been reported to us as well as numerous additions of Known Towns of use for items already listed, will be added to the copy. The book will be printed as soon thereafter as possible. It will be a book 6 x 9 inches in size, of approximately 100 pages. Besides the illustrations in the book, a set of plates showing all illustrations with their Type names will be included. The object of these being that you can cut them apart and mount them on your album pages to properly show the various types and varieties. This will be an innovation in any philatelic book. This work has been done over the past five years or more and I have spent a great amount of time in the past year in shaping up the copy for this printing.

This book, I hope will be the beginning of a complete listing of these interesting Postal Markings. It is hoped that in another year or so that a revised edition can be produced and many new varieties added, thus making a complete story of the PAID cancels on this 3c stamp.

It has now been decided that we will accept advance orders for this book at \$2.00 per copy. Advance orders will be mailed prepaid. Orders after the book is ready for distribution will be, plus postage cost. Your order can be sent our office at any time. We hope that a substantial advance sale can be made so that we may be in some way guided as to the number of copies that must be printed.

## 1955 STAMP PROGRAM

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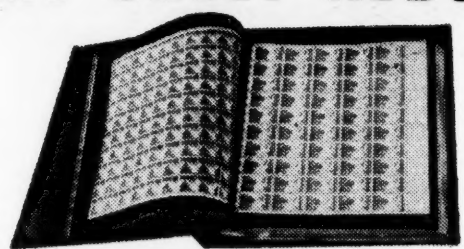
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nize the emperor and to pay tribute. Upon their refusal, the commander attacked them, burned their villages and returned to the mainland. One account of this expedition gives the number of prisoners at 1000; another states that the only trophy was one native garment!

In the 12th century raids on the mainland by Taiwanese are recorded. They were particularly in search of articles of iron, which they prized very highly. They even attached retrieving lines to their javelins to insure against the loss of the points!

During the Yuan dynasty an expedition was sent to the Loochooan kingdom, but the pilot misguided it and it reached the Pescadores, and then Taiwan, instead. This settled the mystery of Taiwan and Loochoo and resulted in the former being called Little Loochoo.

These early contacts with Taiwan are usually ignored by Chinese historians who begin with the Ming dynasty. Wan-Sanho, a court eunuch, returning from Siam in 1430, was driven ashore on the southwest coast of Taiwan. He found the natives uncouth and untamed but they treated him kindly and helped him to return to China.

He took many medicinal herbs and plants with him and tried to interest the court in the island but was unsuccessful.

Taiwan does not appear in Chinese history during the next century but the Japanese record that many pirates, both Chinese and Japanese, were based there. From it they harried the coast of China.

Many Chinese, dissatisfied with conditions at home caused by the pressure of population and the unrest following the pirate raids, allied themselves with the pirates and sought relief by moving to Taiwan. They were joined by those seeking refuge from oppression and by fugitives from justice.

The first westerners to sight the island were the Portuguese in 1517, but they left no mark except the name by which we of the West know it — "Ilha Formosa", the beautiful island.

In 1623 the Dutch made an agreement with the governor of Fukien province and moved to Taiwan from the Pescadores which they had captured the year before. They built Fort Zeelandia and Fort Providentia on the southern portion of the island and set themselves to win over the aborigines.

As soon as the Dutch had a good foothold, they set about transferring all foreign trade from the Chinese and Japanese into their hands. In 1627 the Spaniards seized footholds in northern Taiwan, but the Dutch were too occupied to object.

At this time the Chinese were engaged in struggles with the aborigines as well as disputes with the Japanese. The oppressive policies of the Dutch, who were interested only in getting the greatest return in the shortest time, were now added to their other troubles. On at least one occasion they rose but the Dutch, with the aid of several thousand aborigines, defeated them.

The Japanese withdrew from the island of their own accord in 1628, due more likely to the policy of national seclusion for Japan instituted by the Tokugawa Shogunate than to their troubles with the Dutch. The Dutch then turned their attention to the Spaniards who were beginning to cut in on their trade and were able to evict them on the second attempt in 1642.

Having gotten the better of the Chinese, Japanese and Spaniards the Dutch were, in 1662, defeated by Cheng Ch'eng-kung better known as Koxinga, who is pictured on the Taiwan stamps of 1950.

Koxinga had become a leader of the Ming loyalists upon the capture of his father, Cheng Chi-lung, by the Manchus. His victories over the Manchus forced them to evacuate all inhabitants within three leagues of the coast and Koxinga decided to move his base to Taiwan where he succeeded in driving the Dutch off the island within a period of nine months.

Koxinga modeled his regime along Chinese lines obliterating all traces of Dutch institutions. He was succeeded by his son Cheng Ching, and the prosperity of the island increased greatly as his administration, like his father's, attracted many Ming adherents.

Cheng Ching dissipated his forces on the mainland in efforts to drive the Manchus out and after his death in 1682, the Manchus were able to defeat his son, the fourth Cheng, and take over the island.

The Manchus made Taiwan a prefecture of the province of Fukien retaining Koxinga's capital of Taiwan but renaming it Tainan and calling the whole island "Taiwan" which means "Bay of Terraces". The island steadily developed in commercial importance despite the natural unrest resulting from the mixture of peoples and an ineffic-

ient government.

The governors were appointed for short terms and were more interested in feathering their nests than in developing a balanced government. Many of them were degraded mandarins condemned to exile for a time. There was an undercurrent of loyalty to the Mings and frequent uprisings occurred. Settlers continued to arrive from the mainland and the practice of assigning them land beyond the last interior settlement where they had to fight the aborigines for their allotted plot kept the aborigines in a continual state of unrest.

For nearly two centuries after the expulsion of the Dutch from Taiwan there was no attempt on the part of Westerners to open trade relations with the island. Then, in the middle 1880's, the massacre of shipwrecked British and American sailors made it necessary for their governments to take steps to make the island safe for foreigners. General Le Gendre, American consul at Amoy, with Chinese military protection, negotiated an agreement with the chief-tain Tokitok, which guaranteed civil treatment and aid for shipwrecked sailors.

Just prior to the American Civil War there was some agitation in the United States to acquire a base in Taiwan to keep up with the British in Hong Kong. This was not done as it was felt that it was not the policy of our government to acquire territory and, with the decline of trade with the Far East after the war, Taiwan faded out of the American picture.

The British, however, established mercantile representatives on the islands in 1860. Despite the difficulties of doing business in Taiwan the number of foreign firms grew.

In 1871 the crew of a Japanese vessel was massacred on the south coast of Taiwan by the savage Vonums. Several years of representations by Japan to the Chinese government resulted, in 1874, in a punitive expedition by the Japanese, which did some inconclusive fighting. The trouble was eventually settled by an agreement and the Chinese government paid "consolation money" to the families of the shipwrecked men and to the Japanese government as recompense for the roads and houses built by her forces.

In 1884 the French attempted to seize Taiwan as a guaranty for the payment of an indemnity to France rising out of the Franco-Chinese war. They were unable to take the island and evacuated their bases at the end of that war.

The Franco-Chinese war awakened the Chinese to the importance of Taiwan as a strategic base. They made the island a province, strengthened the defenses and undertook to improve governmental and civic offices and to develop it economically. The development of the island made such progress that the Chinese began to consider it a model province.

As a result of the defeat of China in the Sino-Japanese war the island was ceded to Japan by the treaty of Shimonoseki in 1895.

The Taiwanese sent a commission to Peking protesting the ceding of the island to Japan. If China could not hold Taiwan they wished to have England take over. They received little satisfaction from the government and while still in Peking drafted the first plans for a republic.

On May 23, 1895 the Republic of Formosa was declared; it was short lived and fell to the Japanese in six months. The so-called Black Flag Republic stamps were issued by this government. The Republic's forces, numbered by some at 50,000, continued to harass the Japanese using guerrilla tactics, and it was seven years before the Japanese were able to establish any degree of order.

The Japanese government established the Taiwan Affairs Bureau under the Ministry of Home Affairs and promulgated the Taiwan Government-General Act in connection with the introduction of a military administration. In 1929 the Taiwan Government-General came under the Ministry of Overseas Affairs. The power of the Government-General was wide and, to a great extent, autonomous and autocratic. The Governor-General was assisted by an Advisory Council which included a very few Taiwanese.

For the aborigines, the Japanese established an elaborate police system charged not only with the preservation of peace but also with the exercise of censorship and thought control, supervision of public health and control of traffic.

The Japanese adapted and refined the old "paochia" system of the Chinese. (A "paochia" is a group of 100 households with one of the elders as leader, who is responsible for the acts of the individuals in his group.) In 1940 there were about 6000 of these "paochias" comprising the Chinese and native inhabitants of the island. Foreigners did not have to form "paochias" but were supervised by the police in their various capacities.

The outbreak of war with China in 1937 intensified the program of the Japanese to "Japanize" the Chinese natives. Japanese became the exclusive language in the schools, no newspapers could be published in Chinese or even carry a column in that language, and government and banking business was done in Japanese.

In 1942 the Japanese began to realize the necessity of winning the goodwill of the Taiwanese in order to have their cooperation in the defense of the island. Their policy underwent a change and they relaxed their Japanization program. In preparing for war, Taiwan was developed as a naval and air base.

After Pearl Harbor numerous war industries were set up. Labor was conscripted, production and exports stepped up and prices and distribution of commodities regulated. Few Taiwanese took any active part in the armed services. A corps of aborigines were trained for use as scouts and to do supply work in jungle fighting.

Taiwan served as a training ground for Japanese jungle fighters and it was the staging point for the southward movement of troops, ships and material, as well as the point from which the initial air attacks on the Philippines were launched. With the establishment of American naval superiority in the Pacific, Taiwan ceased to be a usable war base for Japan.

Under the Japanese, Taiwan probably made a greater advance than it would have done had it remained a province of China. In developing the island to increase its resources and contribute to the empire, and also to provide a base

for southern expansion, the Japanese indirectly brought a higher standard of living to both the Chinese and aboriginal population.

The Japanese policy of filling all governmental and important business positions with their own nationals left the Taiwanese with few men trained in political leadership or economic management. Yet the Japanese did provide a degree of law and order. They taught the Taiwanese how modern, efficient methods can increase production and improve the standard of living.

The Japanese established schools and educated the people in the effectiveness of public health measures in decreasing epidemics and improving general health. They built factories, hydro-electric plants, roads and railroads, including a road which circled the island, and a little mountain push-car railway which winds through tunnels and over log bridges on its 18" tracks.

The Cairo Declaration signed by Roosevelt, Churchill, and Chiang Kai-shek in 1943 declared that all the territories stolen from China were to be returned to her. This was confirmed by the Potsdam Proclamation of 1945. Taiwan became a part of China for the second time.

In the latter part of 1945 the administration of Taiwan was taken over by the Chinese with the help of a small force of Americans. Though the Taiwanese expected to become a province of China as they had been before, Gen. Chen-Yi was appointed "Administrator General" for what was virtually a military government. All Japanese assets were taken over by his administration and became government monopolies. Native Taiwanese were in about the position that they had held under the Japanese.

Late in 1949 things were not going well on the mainland and Chiang Kai-shek moved the National Government to Taipei. Under his administration and with U.S. Economic Cooperation Administration aid, the lot of the Taiwanese immediately began to improve. Taiwanese were included in the local government and a provincial People's Political Council was created. Local leadership began to emerge. As the older

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There will be 16 scientists-explorers—4 Eskimos—80 Eskimo dogs, and the Commander's lovely wife—Peggy Keenan.

The purpose of the expedition is scientific research, the testing of new instruments, and the setting up of data for air survival and rescue work; all made so necessary by present-day condition.

Weight and space are at a premium. Only a limited number of covers can be carried. Fleetwood is fortunate in being able to secure a limited number of these history making covers.

A large part of the proceeds from the sale of covers will go towards helping pay for the expedition.

There will be three engraved covers and each and every cachet will please the most exacting collector. All covers will be franked with airmail stamps and each cachet will be typical of the Arctic Region.

Cover #1. Will have a grand picture of the commander of the expedition, John Stanwell-Fletcher, and a reproduction of the expedition insignia (as shown). Cancelled at North Pole.  
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March 1-31—Oshkosh Philatelic Society, Public Museum, Oshkosh, Wis.

March 4-6—POLPEX 1955, Polonus Philatelic Society, Polish Falcons Hall, 1062 N. Ashland Ave. Chicago, Ill.

March 5-6—North West Stamp Society, Knights of Columbus Hall, 13500 Lesure at Grand River, Detroit, Mich.

March 5-6—Columbus Philatelic Club Southern Hotel Columbus Ohio.

March 11-13—North Shore Philatelic Society, Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, Ill.

March 12-13—Illinois Federation of Stamp Clubs, Leland Hotel, Springfield, Ill. Springfield Philatelic Society hosts.

March 12-13—Springfield Stamp Society, Hotel Bancroft, Springfield, Ohio.

March 18-20—Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, Manger Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio.

March 19-20—Fresno Stamp Club, Park-Nash Showroom, 1462 Broadway, Fresno, Calif.

March 25-27—SEPAD, Friends Select School, 16th St., North of Cherry, Philadelphia, Pa.

March 25-27—Fortnightly Collectors Club, Mint Museum of Art, Charlotte, N. C.

March 26-27—Lake Forest Philatelic Society, Deerpath School, Lake Forest, Ill.

March 26-27—Twin Cities Philatelic Society, Curtis Hotel, Minneapolis, Minn.

April 2-3—McKinley Stamp Club, Onesto Hotel, Canton, Ohio.

April 7-9—Tampa Collectors Club, Hillsborough Hotel, Tampa, Fla.

April 8-9—Lansdowne Stamp Club, Friends School Auditorium, Lansdowne, Pa.

April 16—Women's Philatelic Society of New York, Collectors Club, 22 E. 35th St., New York City.

April 22-24—Lake Co. Philatelic Society, Masonic Temple, Waukegan, Ill.



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### AUSTRALIA.

On March 9 Australia will release a new 1/-0½d stamp featuring a portrait of Queen Elizabeth which will supersede the George VI stamp No. 247. This value covers the combined letter postage and registration charge. The George VI stamp should be good as only a limited number of this combination stamp were used. It is now available here at around 20c and should go higher.

CANADA has announced a 10c postage stamp in a new design. It will be released on February 21 and will feature an Eskimo in his kayak. It is stated that this stamp will be used for several years and will be reprinted as required.

CYPRUS. A new definitive issue has been ordered from the printers. There will be 15 values from 2 mls to one Pound and will include a portrait of the Queen.

BERMUDA. New 8 pence stamps have been ordered in the same design as the present six pence. This is a new value.

ADEN. As recently mentioned in this column, Aden has released a 10c stamp in a new color. This makes the third of

the six new colors that were announced. Perhaps some countries will decide to change the colors of all stamps every few months?

CAYMAN ISLANDS. On February 21 Cayman will release six stamps with the royal portrait changed. The values are ¼d, 3d, 1/-, 2/-, 5/- and 10/-. This will make a total of 13 Elizabeth's from ¼d to 10/-. The equivalent values of the current issue were withdrawn from sale at the end of business on February 19.

CEYLON. The Crown Agents in announcing new printings do so under the heading of NEW ISSUES. They use the heading CURRENT ISSUES to announce reprinting of current items. Under this heading it is noted the release on February 16 of 30c and 1 Rupee stamps of Ceylon. These two values have not been issued as part of the new series.

It is possible that the stamps of these values issued in 1950 may be considered as part of the current set. All of the recently issued stamps were pictorial without any portrait. The exception was the 1953 Coronation and the 1954 Royal Visit, both of which contained the portrait of Queen Elizabeth.

TURKS & CAICOS. Two new values were released on February 1. They are five pence and eight pence.

### Albuquerque Elects Babb To Presidency

Members of the Albuquerque, N.M. Philatelic Society recently gave their newly elected officers a good send-off when they were installed at the annual banquet. The successful slate was headed by Maj. Robert G. Babb chosen president.

Maj. James W. Kerr is vice president, and Gordon Wall, Box 1, Madrid, N.M. secretary-treasurer.

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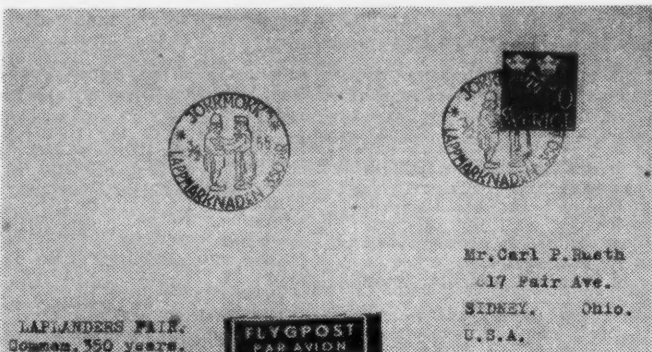
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Saar has revealed most of its stamp program for 1955, and according to Gimbels Stamp and Coin Department, it includes a commemorative for the 50th anniversary of Rotary International. That item will be in a 15fr denomination in a printing of one million.



Another 15fr due March 6 publicizes the World Championship Cross Country Bicycle Racing to be held in Saar. The 1955 Saar Fair gets a 15fr which will show the flags of the participating nations in multi-color.

Gimbels advise that funds for the Saar Red Cross will be raised from the surtax of a 15fr plus 5fr semipostal. Pictured in the design are a nurse and child against a background of the cross.

For the annual Day of the Postage Stamp Saar will again produce a "king size" stamp in a value of 15fr. It depicts a postman standing before the Illingen parish church.

There is a set of Childrens' Charities due later in the year, but as of the moment, Gimbels advise that no details are available.

Interesting Articles  
In MACSA Journal

The winter issue of the "Macsa Journal", official publication of the Maximum Card Society of America, has a variety of material which should prove valuable to a large number of collectors. Outstanding articles include "How To Make Your Own Maximums", "Theodor Herzl—on the 50th Anniversary of His Death", by Dr. Louise A. Sarow, and "James Monroe, Author of the Monroe Doctrine".

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New "Topical Time"  
Polar Stamps Article

From Fine Arts through Polar Seas and on to Watercraft, so reads the table of contents of the 52-page January issue of "Topical Time." Fourteen illustrated features, and seven regular columns make this one of the best issues of this lively publication of the American Topical Assn.

Dr. Wilson A. Swanker, second in command and medical director of the American Polar Basin Expedition, leaving New York on February 26, has written an excellent article on "Polar Stamps". The article discusses polar theories, disputed territories and gives a history of previous expeditions and the stamps that have honored them.

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Paterson, N. J. Dead

One of stampdom's best-loved men, Sidney Lake of Paterson, N. J., died on February 3, at the age of 69, from a cerebral hemorrhage. Up to his final attack, Mr. Lake has been in good health and active.

Born in the Netherlands, Mr. Lake was taken to South Africa when a baby. He fought in the Boer War, as one of the youngest soldiers of the Transvaal army.

Mr. Lake was an able exhibitor of stamps both before clubs and at exhibitions. He was a member of the Society of Philatelic Americans, the American Philatelic Society and a charter member of Netherlands & Colonies Stamp Society.

Japs Delete Three  
From Agency List

Three of 1954's most popular special stamps have been removed from the list of the Japanese Post Office Department's Philatelic Agency. These are the 9th National Athletic Meeting issue of August 19; the New Year stamp of December 20; and the relatively scarce 1954 Stamp Collecting Week pane, of which there were but 60,000 printed, of November 20.

Coming March 15 is a 500 yen regular in a new design. This one will picture a "Bridge of Irises" of lacquered ink-stone box by Ogata Korin (1658-1716). The color is dark red violet. Printing is from engraved plates in panes of 20 subjects.

Fifth CENJEX Will Be  
At Asbury Park, N.J.

The Federated Stamp Clubs of Central New Jersey, Inc., will have the fifth CENJEX stamp exhibition October 7 to 9 at the Convention Hall, Asbury Park, N. J.

It will be an open show in the usual groupings, and sections. Prospectus may be obtained from Frank W. Duane, P. O. Box 754, Asbury Park, N. J.

New Officers For  
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J. Frank Braceland was elected president of the Philadelphia Plate Number Collectors Club recently. Leonard Sideman was chosen vice president, and Al D. Bluver, 1928 N. 30th St., Philadelphia 21, Pa., secretary-treasurer.

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# YEMEN

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pleased to note that the principal  
standard catalogues, Scott and  
Gibbons, after making their own  
investigations on these matters,  
completely agreed with Mr. Baroody  
and consequently declined  
to include this material in any  
form along with the well-known  
and legitimate issues of the Yemen  
Postal Administration. And  
that has also been true of the  
adhesive pieces bearing a U. P.  
U. inscription and the effigy of  
His Majesty, the Imam Ahmad of  
the Yemen. We also were unable  
to purchase there, or even to  
secure cancellations on same,  
when prepared covers, with copies  
purchased in New York City,  
were submitted to the Yemen  
post office or cancelling. We  
have been informed that such  
adhesive pieces have no postal  
validity and that they have never  
had any.

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state of Yemen, I am writing to your journal to see if you wish to pub-  
lish the enclosed article (lead story this edition, page one) concerning  
a new lot of so-called Yemen stamps which is now being floated on the  
New York and American market.

A great many new and expensive labels are now being  
offered in New York which we legitimate dealers in Middle East stamps  
cannot even buy here in our Arab League country of Yemen or use there.

Our customers are writing and asking for these, thinking them to  
be postage stamps, and we think that if an expose is not made in the  
philatelic press, before it is too late, many respectable retail dealers  
and collectors will be stuck with them as they were the earlier stickers  
of similar vintage.

Of course we know who put out all of the older and these newer  
phantasies but we understand that your stateside publications would  
run the risk of libel or "restrictions on trade" or some other kind of law-  
suits if you publish the true names and circumstances, therefore I have  
refrained from naming them in my article (but I think the U. S. stamp  
trade knows better than we do!).

Please tell Mr. Linn . . . that we admire the way he is attempting  
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all these rackets before they cause irrevocable damage to philately in  
general.

Sincerely yours,  
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vailed until this year, although  
with the following modifications:

The Yemen government's diplo-  
matic mission in the U. S. was  
advised by its American attorneys  
in order to fulfill contracts  
entered into by certain non-postal  
Yemenite officials, in former  
times, at New York City, with  
certain persons interested in the  
distribution of the items in ques-  
tion, that they should prepare  
some cancels and registry stick-  
ers on some prepared covers with  
same and dispatch them from the  
Taiz General Post Office.

This was done by order of the  
Foreign Ministry, but still no  
stamps of these were in the pos-  
session of the post office for sale  
or use in Yemen, and the ones  
inscribed "U. P. U." were not  
even included in the special per-  
mission, thus not one of the lat-  
ter bears even a courtesy cancel.  
At last the Yemen Postal Ad-  
ministration was able to secure  
a supply of the low value (per-  
forated varieties only) of the  
UN set, consisting in 1, 2, 4 and  
10 bogash, showing flags and a  
plane at Sana'a airport. About  
the so-called imperforate one, it  
should be noted here that such  
a condition is considered a shame  
by the Post Office and is avoided  
at all cost.

In 1939, for example, some  
sheets of the Arab Alliance issue  
were found to be imperforate,  
particularly the 4 bogash one, by  
mistake. These were quickly cut  
up and used on local correspond-  
ence by the people, due to a  
shortage of 4 bogash stamps, but  
most of them were subsequently  
burned by even the stamp ac-  
cumulators in Yemen who were  
ashamed to disgrace their postal  
service's name by imperfect  
stamps being seen abroad.

Thus, nothing could be more  
distasteful to the post office than  
to have any legitimate Yemen  
stamps deliberately made in im-  
perforate condition. None were  
ordered and none would be ac-  
cepted of this "printer's waste"  
as they consider it.

These four values alone were  
then placed on sale at the Sana'a  
post office and through our  
agents we were able to pur-  
chase them and to use them on

covers directed outside of Yem-  
en only.

Now we are being approached  
by American clients asking us  
to supply them with some long  
new sets of old Yemen stamps  
overprinted with airplanes, and  
raised values and commemora-  
tive inscriptions stating the hon-  
oring of the 17th Anniversary of  
the Arab Alliance between Yem-  
en, Saudi Arabia, and Iraq (the  
same alliance commemorated on  
the basic stamp of 1939 under  
the surcharge), and also the 6th  
year of King Ahmad's reign,  
regular, airmail, and some offi-  
cials (on postage due stamps).

As we perceive these to be on  
the same basic old stamps as  
the "Sana'a-New York" ones an-  
as all of the same symptoms  
have appeared (i. e.) only available  
in New York City mint or on  
specially prepared philatelic cov-  
ers, we are obliged to conclude  
that the old story is being re-  
peated again.

Our agents in Yemen, on ap-  
plication to the post office have

28 January, 1955



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## PROVISIONAL DATED

What is that? Well not much  
of anything. First a provisional  
precancel is a precancel made  
from some device that is also used  
for regular post cancelling. In  
days past there were quite a few  
regular types that were very  
similar to post cancelling types  
and the collector had to beware.  
Few such types are used today,  
so when an item came to my  
attention I had to give it a sec-  
ond glance.

It was from Des Moines, Iowa  
on the 6c Prexy and further  
dated WCP Sept 44. This of  
course is all right because if the  
provisionals were used as pre-  
cancels and on packages where  
the total postage exceeded seven  
cents then these stamps accord-  
ing to law (postal laws) must be  
precanceled. So outside of be-  
ing an interesting curiosity it is  
not a stamp of much value.

Some day in the distant future  
some one will be looking for  
those kind of cancellations. To-  
day they are cast aside or put  
in a little envelope for the time  
that never comes, that you your-  
self will start a collection of the  
things.

## NEW BUROS.

Slowly but surely the new se-  
ries is appearing. A 3c coil from  
Richmond, Va. has been reported  
from two sources and I have a  
1c coil from Chicago, Ill. I don't  
imagine the dealers will stock  
up very heavy on the Chicago  
item, but then every Buro col-  
lector must get at least one.

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the 1c and 2c value from Bridge-  
port and Henegar.

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bition of the Fortnightly Collec-  
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thousand visitors.

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## PLATE BLOCK Thoughts and Comments

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### A CORRECTION

In the Linn's Weekly Stamp News, of Monday, January 24, 1955, there appeared a section in the U. S. Notes column in regards to the recent Eastman commemorative issue, wherein the question was, "which is the least common of the three plate numbers used in the printing of this Eastman stamp?" (I deliberately use the words, "least common", because for the time being there is no official information to confirm the degree of scarcity, if any, on the particular plate number which had the least run). In my opinion, the facts and conclusions that appeared in that article are partly correct and partly incorrect. Here are the facts and figures as I know them.

The original number of stamps ordered for this issue was 119,000,000. As is usually the case when only two plate numbers are contemplated for use for the entire issue, three plate numbers are assigned. The third plate number serves merely as a standby for emergency use in the event that during this run any one of the two plate numbers become damaged and break down. In this particular issue this is exactly what happened, for the third plate number had to be called in to use for such service.

Before going further, a little preliminary explanation should be presented. At the time of preparation, these plates are flat and then curved into semi-circular arcs, each plate thus covering one half of the cylinder in the rotary press. Each plate, as all of us know, is a sheet four times the size of the panes available to the public at post offices. The plate that goes to press prints a sheet of four times 70, or 280 stamps, in the case of the Eastman stamp. This is the sheet in full size that has the plate numbers in four different positions, before it is cut up into panes of 70. Now then, the full cylinder of the printing press is covered with two plates, which in one revolution will yield one sheet of 280 stamps from one plate number, and a similar sheet of 280 stamps from the other plate number. Another way of putting it is that each revolution of the cylinder yields 560 stamps, 280 from one plate number and 280 from the second plate number.

Now we can proceed to the final figures. From 119,000,000 postage stamps, it is correct therefore to divide this figure by 560, and the answer will be 212,500, which is the exact number of impressions made of each of the two plate numbers that are used. This, therefore, represents the maximum number of impressions that would have been made if the original two plate numbers completed the full proposed run. The two plate numbers that originally went to press were No. 25008 and No. 25009. When a subsequent bulletin came out from the post office department stating that plate No. 25009 was cancelled on July 26th, with 186,199 impressions, it implied, if we can permit ourselves to interpret this as such, this plate number sustained damage and could not be used to complete its run. Then, when this plate No. 25009 was removed, and replaced with No. 25010, the only question of uncertainty is this. Was this new plate No. 25010 used to complete a short run, from 186,199 up to 212,500 impressions, which at that point would have completed the 119,000,000 Eastman postage stamps, or is it possible that the presses were permitted to run beyond that figure so it would not create a too short run of any plate number that would bring about a "hard to get" or "scarce" number for the plate block collector? As such, it should be fairly obvious that No. 25010 is by far the least used plate number, with the smallest number of impressions, if only 119,000,000 stamps were printed for this commemorative.

To this I should add, let's hope all of you who read this will have no more difficulty obtaining this number for your collection as you would in trying to get the other two plate numbers of this issue. There are plenty of them to go around, at least I found it so.

### Plate Number Report

In recent weeks it has been pleasant to notice the increasing responses to the plate number reports on all new issues. Besides the new commemorative and

regular issue plate numbers, reports come in also on the current 6c airmail. This will help make the coverage on plate numbers come complete. So here we go with another new batch of plate numbers reported.

On the regular small 6c airmail, C39, this being the first report for this stamp, we will give you greater coverage, to include the earliest plate numbers that are in plate block collections, up to the latest and newest numbers located:

23973	23974	23975	23976
23977	23978	23979	23985
23986	24031	24042	24043
25859	24860		

All the above are reported complete in all positions, including of course the last two plate numbers, which are still very new. The new 1c Washington, complete in all positions: 25032, 25033, 3c Liberty: 25073, 25074, 25028, 25078. These reported in all positions.

2c Jefferson: 25079, all positions; 25080, all positions; 25050, UL-UR-LR; 25051, LR; 25061, UL-UR-LL; 25062, UL-UR-LL.

Penn. Fine Arts Academy: 25104, 25105, 25106, 25107 in all positions.

And here is the best part of the report, for these represent the hardest finds in plate numbers.

The new 2c Jefferson coil: 25045, 25067.

24971	24972	24982	24983
24984	24990	24991	24992
24993	25052	25053	

Acknowledgement is made to the following, who contributed so well to this report: George Edwards, Frank J. Kovarik, Dr. E. V. Smith, Jr., Louis E. Spears, J. P. A. Greenwood, Lester Ackerman, Charles W. McLemore, Irving Lerman, Jacques A. Musy.

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CHAPTER NINE

ROMAN PAID 3 IN CIRCLE - TYPE XXI



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In discussing this ROMAN PAID 3 IN CIRCLE, the second half of the family of PAID 3 IN CIRCLE handstamps, I have jumped the numbers up to start with Type XXI for the first of these ROMAN'S so that there should be sufficient numbers left following the GOTHIC'S to enumerate new finds.

Type XXI is one of the easiest distinguished in this group. The circle is 19 to 20mm. The PAID is of much smaller letters than any other I have seen. They set down quite far from the circumference and close to the top of the figure 3. The illustration will be easy to match if you find this one. Known in black only.

KNOWN TOWNS OF USE.

Type XXI:—ALFRED, MAINE.  
LANESVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS.  
VALLEY FALLS, NEW YORK.

PAID 3 IN CIRCLE - TYPE XXII



ROMAN PAID 3 IN CIRCLE - TYPE XXII

In this Type XXII the circle is 19mm in diameter. The letters of PAID are much larger than in Type XXI. All letters are close to the top of the circle, and equidistant from it, and well above the figure 3. The figure 3 also sets up noticeably from the bottom. Known in black only.

KNOWN TOWNS OF USE.

Type XXII:—GARDNER, MASSACHUSETTS.

PAID 3 IN CIRCLE - TYPE XXIII



ROMAN PAID 3 IN CIRCLE - TYPE XXIII

Type XXIII is a circle 20mm in diameter. The PAID is in an arc below the circumference with the P and the D close to it, and the A and I farther away. I have found two copies of this type on cover, both are struck in blue and the regular cancellation mark on the cover is also in blue.

KNOWN TOWNS OF USE.

Type XXIII:—HOOKSETT, NEW HAMPSHIRE.  
LYME, NEW HAMPSHIRE.

PAID 3 IN CIRCLE - TYPE XXIV



ROMAN PAID 3 IN CIRCLE - TYPE XXIV

In Type XXIV the PAID is quite close to the circumference. The P and D seem just a mite closer than the A and I. The letters are not quite so fat as in Type XXII and appear to be spaced a bit farther apart. The 3 is rather large as in Type XXI and comes close at the bottom. Known in black only.

KNOWN TOWNS OF USE.

Type XXIV:—None.

PAID 3 IN CIRCLE - TYPE XXV



ROMAN PAID 3 IN CIRCLE - TYPE XXV

Here we have a very outstanding example of the Roman type of PAID 3 IN CIRCLE. The circle is 22mm in diameter. The letters of PAID are in an arc, close under the circumference and equidistant therefrom. The letters are rather bold and spaced wide apart. The 3 is larger and wider than in any other of these types, and quite a bold figure. Known in black only.

KNOWN TOWNS OF USE.

Type XXV:—NANTUCKET, MASSACHUSETTS.

PAID 3 IN CIRCLE - TYPE XXVI



ROMAN PAID 3 IN CIRCLE - TYPE XXVI

Type XXVI is quite similar to Type XXII in all respects except that the figure 3 is much larger than in Type XXII and therefore much closer to the bottom. The PAID is also larger and the letters are not so wide apart. The circle is 20mm in diameter. Known in black only.

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## Annual Easter Seals Offered

A pink and blue Easter Seal will be crippled children's colorful messenger in 1955, Lawrence J. Linck, executive director of the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults, the Easter Seal Society, announced.



Sheets of the seal will reach 31½ million American homes when the annual campaign in behalf of crippled children opens March 10.

Designed by Edward T. Ryerson, art director of Chicago's Stevens Gross studios, the seal displays a white lily, symbol of the Easter Seal Society, on a pink background. A bright blue ribbon imposed on the lily says "Help Crippled Children," and below it, on a bright pink ribbon, are the words "Easter Seals." For the very first time, this year's Easter Seal is horizontal in shape, measuring 13/16 of an inch in height and one inch wide.

The nationwide campaign will be conducted simultaneously March 10 to Easter Sunday, April 10, by 1600 state and local affiliates of the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults in the 48 states, District of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

The annual campaign was inaugurated in 1934 in Ohio by Paul H. King, second president of the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults. It was an outgrowth of the efforts of the National Society's founder, businessman Edgar F. Allen, in 1921, who worked to arouse several states to the needs of hospital and other special facilities for crippled children.

The printer's mark appears on the 55th seal and the union label appears in the lower right hand corner of the sheet in the perforated margin at the right hand side. This year's are printed by Fleming-Potter Company, Peoria, Ill.; U. S. Printing and Lithographing Company, Mineola, N. Y.; Bradford-Robinson Company, Denver, Colo., and Eureka Specialty Printing Company, Scranton, Pa.

Seals from the first Easter Seal campaign held in 1934 are valued today at \$9.00 per sheet. It portrays a crippled child framed by a white cross on an orange background, was designed by the late J. H. Donahey, cartoonist for the Cleveland Plain Dealer. Donahey, who also designed the 1935 and 1936 issues said that the simplicity of the design symbolizes the crippled child asking for the right to live a happy useful life.

Stamp collectors can obtain complete sheets of the 1955 Easter Seal, as well as past issues from the Easter Seal Supply Section of the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults, Inc., 11 S. LaSalle St., Chicago 3, Ill. Sets of Easter Seals in blocks of four, six and strips of 10 with perforations are also available. Progressive color proofs for all years except 1934 and 1949 can be secured.

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There are many fine trophies for competition, three of which are at present held by Montreal philatelists, who won them at last year's exhibition at Kitchener, Ontario.

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206-207	.25	B134-138 .20
208-209	.15	B139-143 .10
210-211	.20	B144-145 .15
212-213	.30	B149-153 .10
214-215	.35	B154-158 .10
216-217	.50	B159-163 .25
218-219	.60	B164-169 .15
220-221	.25	B170-174 .20
222-223	.35	B175-179 .25
224-225	.75	B180-184 .30
226-227	.60	B185-189 .25
228-229	.55	B189-193 .25
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**ALBANIA** — A six-value set, all of the same design was recently issued by this country. It pictures a group of returning soldiers, flanked on both sides by flags. Values and colors are: 50 lek, purple; 1L green; 2.50L brown; 3L red; 5L blue; 8L red-brown.

**ARGENTINA** — Four new values were placed on sale January 12. They are 50 pesos, 20 pesos, 2 pesos and 80c. The 80c, a lithographed stamp, pictures a wheat field; the 2 pesos, deep red, was printed by rotogravure and pictures the front of the Eva Peron Foundation building; the 20 pesos is blue, steel engraved and pictures Mt. Fitz Roy, and the 50 pesos value is blue, steel engraved and features a portrait of General San Martin, as a young man.

**CUBA** — It has been reported by Aero Philatelists that a 12c airmail stamp is to be issued honoring the centenary of the founding of Tampa, Florida.

**EGYPT** — Sometime in February, a three value set is to be issued by this country commemorating the Fiftieth Anniversary of Rotary International. The values are to be 5m, 10m and 37m.

**INDIA** — On January 26, Republic Day of this country, the Five Year Plan set was issued. Since this is a holiday, special post offices remained open for sale of the stamps. Values and colors are: 3 pies magenta, picturing a tractor in operation; 6p violet, a textile power loom; 9p red-brown, bullocks pulling water from a well; 1 anna blue-green, Damodar valley project; 2a blue, woman at a Charka; 3a green, Naga woman at a handloom; 4a crimson, pair of bullocks; 6a light brown, malaria control; 8a dark blue, Chittaranjan Locomotive works; 10a green (airmail value) view of Bombay; 12a blue, Hindustan Aircraft factory in Bangalore; 14a yellow-green (airmail) plane over valley in Kashmir; 1 Rupee 2 anna gray (airmail) plane over Cape Comorin; 1R8a reddish purple (airmail) plane over Kanchenjunga mountains; 1 Rupee, olive green, technician at work at Indian Telephone Industries in Bangalore; 2R carmine, rare earth factory in Alwaye; 5R dark brown, Sindri Fertilizer Factory; 10R orange, iron and steel industry.

**SPANISH GUINEA** — Two stamps, a 60c and 1 Peseta, of the same design, were issued on January 8 in honor of the explorer Manuel Iradier y Bulfy. He is honored because as founder of the African Society he organized expeditions to the interior of Spanish Guinea and made arrangements with the natives as a result of which this colony was founded.

**VENEZUELA** — A series of stamps has been authorized to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the founding of the City of Valencia in the State of Carabobo. The design will picture an allegory of industry and inscriptions. The set will be comprised of eleven values, four regular and seven airmail. Regulars will be: 5c, 20c, 25c and 50c. Airmails: 5c, 10c, 20c, 25c, 40c, 50c and 60c.

Seals, Cover For Tampa's EXTAMP

For EXTAMP, the 1955 25th anniversary exhibition of the Tampa, Fla. Collectors Club, there will be a set of seals. They are in two different colors and on two different papers, perf and imperf. Selling price of the set is 25c post-paid. Proceeds from the sale will go to the "Sight Fund" of the Lions Clubs of Hillsborough County.

A cacheted cover for the same event comes at 10c each, profits to go to the same charity. Payments for the seals and covers, and requests are to be sent to J. M. Donovan, 6306 39th St., Tampa, Fla.

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3c PAID CANCELS (Continued from page 14)

KNOWN TOWNS OF USE. Type XXVI:—DOWAGIAC, MICHIGAN.

PAID 3 IN CIRCLE — TYPE XXVII



ROMAN PAID 3 IN CIRCLE — TYPE XXVII

Here again we have a Type that gives further evidence that when the manufacturer of these various handstamps received an order, the engraver doubtless tried to copy or make a certain type as ordered. This Type XXVII is very much like both Types XXII and XXVI.

In Type XXVII however the circle is 18mm. The PAID is similar to Type XXII, but the figure 3 is quite close to the bottom of the circle. Known in black only.

KNOWN TOWNS OF USE. Type XXVII:—DEDHAM, MASSACHUSETTS.

PAID 3 IN CIRCLE — TYPE XXVIII



ROMAN PAID 3 IN CIRCLE — TYPE XXVIII

In this Type XXVIII the circle is 21mm in diameter, the PAID is close at top as in Type XXII, and the 3 is quite large and close to the bottom. The I and D of PAID are very close together at the bottom of the word and quite far apart at the top. Known in black only.

KNOWN TOWNS OF USE. Type XXVIII:—DENNIS, MASSACHUSETTS.

This series of articles will be revised and printed in book form as soon after completion as possible. The author solicits help from anyone who can add to the listings herein. Only material that is submitted for examination and illustration can be accepted. All material will be returned safely to the owners. Address them to George W. Linn, Hovey-in-the-Hills, Fla.

Ray Rodgers Heads Long Beach Club

Raymond D. Rodgers was installed as president of the Long Beach, Calif. Stamp Collectors Club recently. He succeeds Carl Davenport.

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### FORMOSA (Continued from page 8)

leaders of the Kuomintang retire. Young Taiwanese will be ready to step into their places.

There are several political parties on Taiwan. The party which favors the Kuomintang government is growing rapidly. The separatists demanded full independence at first, but later turned to the United Nations seeking a trusteeship or a plebiscite. The Communist group is very small and composed of newcomers to the island.

In the early days of the return to Taiwan, lack of technical personnel and nepotism brought the Taiwanese economy, already at a very low ebb, almost to the point of collapse. Later the leaders of the Kuomintang began to develop the island's productive capacity and bring it back to a state of economic sufficiency.

Crops for domestic consumption had fully recovered by 1950 but export industries were slower. By 1952, however, exports had stepped up, the budget was balanced, public health had improved, the schools

were rapidly being converted to the Chinese language and manner of thinking and a degree of social and political unity had been achieved.

Taiwan is now a Nationalist fortress. President Chiang Kai-shek moved the best of his loyal forces to the island and they have been streamlined and rejuvenated. Taiwanese are being integrated into the army by the Reserve program which trains 20,000 men every four months and then releases them back into civilian life.

The task of the Nationalist government in Taiwan cannot be overestimated. Not only was the country war-torn and its economy practically ruined, but for fifty years it had been a conquered country exploited to the hilt. It has been necessary to re-educate the people politically and socially, to train them in their own language and customs, and to build up their economy to the point where it can not only sustain the Provincial Government but also the National Government.

As the Government produces order and stability on Taiwan it will be a source of hope and inspiration to the mainland. When, at some time in the future, the government is strong enough to unite China, the future of Taiwan will be assured, for markets on the mainland will absorb as much of the island's agricultural and industrial products as it will be able to export.

Poland issued a souvenir sheet in 1939 commemorating the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Polish Republic. Marshals Pilsudski, and Smigly-rydz are shown in the designs.

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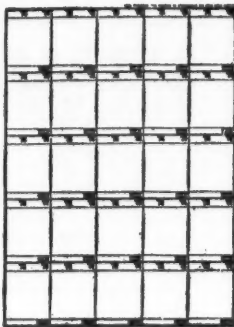
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Lot #		Cat.
1	1867 #95, 5c F grill, a fine used copy	\$35.00
2	1869 #117, 12c, a very fine used copy	8.50
3	1893-1919, #230/537, 13 early mint box, fine lot	25.85
4	1893-1909, #231/372, 7 mint early comm. box, fine lot	29.50
5	19th & 20th, #279/913, 51 pieces, mint sing & box, F lot	14.12
6	1904 #325-6, 2c & 3c Louisiana, fine mint singles	12.50
7	1908-32 #331/720, 12 vars. mint booklet pages, fine lot	18.55
8	20th, #232/917, 58 pcs. mint sing & box, F-VF	15.63
9	1909 #352/3, 1c & 2c coil pairs, 2c line, VF mint	14.50
10	1909 #368/71.73, Lincoln, Alaska & Hudson, VF mint	28.00
11	imperf. pairs, 1909 #371/373, 2c Lincoln & Hudson imperf. singles	10.00
12	1910 #385-6, 1c & 2c coil pairs, VF mint	7.70
13	1911 #394, 3c perf. 8 1/2 coil, VF mint pair	7.00
14	1917 #483, 3c imperf. superb mint unhinged horiz. line blk	6.00
15	1917 #501, 3c, 12 mint box 4, all with diff. plate	27.00
16	1917-44, #504/913, 22 diff. mint box, VF lot	19.90
17	1917 #508 8c, mint plate # blk 6 with # & A, perfs. touch 2 stamps but Fine mint	10.00
18	1919 #536, 1c perf. 12 1/2, VF mint blk 4 with plate # plus	8.50
19	1919 #536, 1c perf. 12 1/2, another VF mint block	8.50
20	1920 #548-50, Pilegrims, a VF mint set	4.90
21	1922-6 #551-658-62, 1c to 10c ex. 5c, flat plate F mint blk	38.30
22	1923 #555-8, 1c & 4c flat plate, Fine mint box	10.75
23	1923 #578-9, 1c & 2c 11 x 10, Fine mint copies	9.00
24	1923 #579, 2c 11 x 10, mint block, fine mint blocks	18.50
25	1924 #583a, 2c perf. 10 booklet pages, comp. book of 8 pages, fine & VF mint, SCARCE	plus 36.00
26	1925 #611, 2c Harding imperf. 2 VF mint box 4, 1 with plate #	15.00
27	1925 #612, 2c Harding rotary, a VF mint block	8.00
28	1925 #620, 1c & 2c, 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 35c, 40c, 45c, 50c, 55c, 60c, 65c, 70c, 75c, 80c, 85c, 90c, 95c, 100c, 105c, 110c, 115c, 120c, 125c, 130c, 135c, 140c, 145c, 150c, 155c, 160c, 165c, 170c, 175c, 180c, 185c, 190c, 195c, 200c, 205c, 210c, 215c, 220c, 225c, 230c, 235c, 240c, 245c, 250c, 255c, 260c, 265c, 270c, 275c, 280c, 285c, 290c, 295c, 300c, 305c, 310c, 315c, 320c, 325c, 330c, 335c, 340c, 345c, 350c, 355c, 360c, 365c, 370c, 375c, 380c, 385c, 390c, 395c, 400c, 405c, 410c, 415c, 420c, 425c, 430c, 435c, 440c, 445c, 450c, 455c, 460c, 465c, 470c, 475c, 480c, 485c, 490c, 495c, 500c, 505c, 510c, 515c, 520c, 525c, 530c, 535c, 540c, 545c, 550c, 555c, 560c, 565c, 570c, 575c, 580c, 585c, 590c, 595c, 600c, 605c, 610c, 615c, 620c, 625c, 630c, 635c, 640c, 645c, 650c, 655c, 660c, 665c, 670c, 675c, 680c, 685c, 690c, 695c, 700c, 705c, 710c, 715c, 720c, 725c, 730c, 735c, 740c, 745c, 750c, 755c, 760c, 765c, 770c, 775c, 780c, 785c, 790c, 795c, 800c, 805c, 810c, 815c, 820c, 825c, 830c, 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